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1. Met with Jim Garrison and [redacted] and approved of the allocation of approximately [redacted] of additional Fiscal Year 1957 funds in order to honor the requisitions which they now have on hand. This discussion emphasized most clearly the necessity for developing our Financial Property Accountability System as rapidly as possible. While the subject is fairly complex, a large part of this deficit comes about by stocks used for operations in the field which have to be replaced from the States. In this instance the paperwork has not caught up with the movement of property and Jim is, in effect, [redacted] overobligated. This could be a very bad situation in a budget year when we were more short of funds than appears to be the case in Fiscal Year 1957. I have emphasized again to all concerned that we must, effective 1 July, prevent this sort of thing from happening.

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2. Jim Garrison advised me that the bids for our construction [redacted] had come in at [redacted] which is [redacted] more than was provided for in the Project approval. After checking with [redacted] to insure that funds were available, I instructed Jim to proceed with everything, except actually signing the contract, on the basis of [redacted] (I wish to touch base with the Director before finalizing the contract.)

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3. Interviewed [redacted] of the Management Staff about his retirement. Mr. O'Gara had talked to him on Friday and insisted that he give an immediate answer as to when he proposed to retire---which he declined to do. He is now on leave and will report back to the office on 1 July. While he readily admitted that in his conversations with me two or three years ago he had stated that he would be glad to retire as soon as he had gotten in five years of civilian service, he said that he had not made any firm plans and was reluctant to do so. I spent some time discussing the whole situation with him quite frankly and in summary requested that he make firm plans for early retirement and proceed to carry them out.

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4. John Tietjen was over to give me a few highlights of his trip to the Far East.

a. He feels that we definitely need a senior medical representative in the Far East but that the effectiveness of this position will depend upon the individual chosen. Therefore, he wants to hold this idea in abeyance until he gets the right man.

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